

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were originally filed in the application. Applicant has canceled claims 1-19 without prejudice and added new claims 20-49. Thus, claims 20-49 are all the claims pending in the present application.

New claims 20-49 are directed to the featuring of managing SMS messages by setting at least one alternative handling instruction. The two new independent claims 20 (method) and 35 (system) are directed to a method/system that includes an alternative handling instruction for saving SMS messages in a personalized folder for the message receiver. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the prior art references describes or suggests the personalized folder saving alternative handling instruction defined in independent claims 20 and 35.

Turning now to the outstanding Office Action (Paper No. 5), the drawings were objected to because of the informalities mentioned in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Applicant has herein amended the specification in order to make the specification consistent with Fig. 2. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the drawing objection in view of these specification amendments.

The specification was objected to because of the use of hyperlinks on page 5. Applicant has herein deleted those hyperlinks, thereby obviating the specification objection.

Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11, 12, 14-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by WO 99/53699. Further, claims 3, 4, 9, 10 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious from WO 99/53699 in view of Lahtinen. Finally, claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious from WO 99/53699 in view of Lohtia et al. Applicant

respectfully traverses these rejections. Further, Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the newly added claims. In particular, neither WO 99/53699, nor Lahtinen, nor Lohtia et al teach or even remotely suggest the feature of an alternative handling instruction of saving SMS messages in a personalized folder for the message receiver, as recited in all of the pending claims.

Moreover, in drafting the new claims Applicants included several dependent claims for defining specific features of the filtering, forwarding, saving and deletion instructions. For example, the deletion instruction in claims 26 and 41 deletes undelivered SMS messages. Claims 27 and 42 delete undelivered SMS messages after a predetermined amount of time. In addition, Applicants added dependent claims directed to the AutoReply Message feature of the invention. None of the prior art teaches or suggests the dependent claims.

Finally, Applicant is submitting herewith an Information Disclosure Statement submitting references from the European Examiner. None of these new references teaches or suggests the saving alternative handling instruction in the new claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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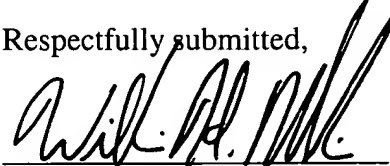
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